

Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District Budget Notice

| Overall Budget Proposal | Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year | Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year | Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year* |
|--|--|---|---|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | \$71,700,000 | \$77,270,000 | \$76,233,564 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year | | \$5,570,000 | \$4,533,564 |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 7.77% | 6.32% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 2.63% | |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$32,388,623 | \$33,425,059 | |
| B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable | \$0 | \$0 | |
| C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable** | \$0 | \$0 | |
| D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy | \$0 | \$0 | |
| E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D) | \$32,388,623 | \$33,425,059 | \$32,388,623 |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | \$1,536,690 | \$1,663,122 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$30,851,933 | \$31,761,937 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) | \$30,851,933 | \$31,761,937 | |
| I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)** | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Administrative Component | \$7,212,924 | \$7,479,929 | \$7,379,929 |
| Program Component | \$54,684,842 | \$58,288,130 | \$57,433,194 |
| Capital Component | \$9,802,234 | \$11,501,941 | \$11,420,441 |

* The contingent budget would contain reductions in a variety of administrative services through BOCES. It would eliminate spending on equipment in all areas, reduce a total of five full-time equivalent positions, and reduce supplies, eliminate field trips and the adult education program.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

| Description | Amount |
|--------------|-----------|
| Bus Purchase | \$975,000 |

| Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year | |
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| Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ | \$472 |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, will be held at the Mohonasen HS in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., prevailing time in the Mohonasen HS Gym, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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BUDGET VOTE

May 19, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. | MHS Gym



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School budget vote is May 19

Proposed budget maintains all positions and programming

On Tuesday, May 19, Mohonasen voters will cast their ballots on the proposed \$77.27 million budget for the 2026-27 school year. The budget proposal includes a tax levy increase of 3.2%, which is at the district’s state-mandated limit. As a result, a simple majority of voters is needed for approval.

Voting will take place in the Mohonasen High School Gym from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. **Please note: The printed calendar lists incorrect voting hours due to a change this year. The correct time is 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

The proposed budget reflects a \$5.6 million increase over the current year, driven primarily by rising instructional, health insurance, and transportation costs. The transportation department continues to face staffing challenges, and is currently with 15 driver vacancies, and is actively recruiting new drivers. Visit the district website for more information.

No staffing positions would be eliminated under the proposed budget. The plan also supports the addition of a new special education program at Draper Middle School, reflecting the district’s continued commitment to meeting the needs of all learners.

In addition, capital project construction is still underway and is slated to be completed by the end of 2027. All school buildings are currently receiving major infrastructure improvements and preventive maintenance to support safe, efficient and high-quality environments for both students and staff.

“The proposed budget stays within the tax cap while supporting robust academic programming

and extracurriculars,” said Superintendent Shine. “We remain one of the most cost efficient districts in New York State as measured by per pupil spending. I believe the proposed budget reflects wise fiscal stewardship of the taxpayers’ money while maintaining a comprehensive program for all students,” he added.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

Residents will elect two candidates to the Mohonasen Board of Education.

Vote on a proposition to purchase four diesel buses: two 46-passenger wheelchair-accessible Type C buses, and two 70-passenger buses.

EXIT SURVEY

Mohonasen Central School District invites voters to complete a voluntary, anonymous exit survey after voting.

Your participation allows the District to gather feedback to help inform future budget decisions.



Board of Education Candidates

Two candidates are running for two open seats on the Board and are listed in ballot order. Information and statements were provided by the candidates. Candidates’ full profiles can be found on the Mohonasen website at www.mohonasen.org.

Danielle Ciampino



Danielle Ciampino is seeking a second term on the Board. A lifelong Mohonasen resident, she and her spouse Daniel have two children, one attending Draper and the other attending Pinewood.

Ciampino is currently a stay-at-home mother,

with a part time bookkeeping business. She is also the Co-Vice President of the Mohonasen Parent Teacher Organization.

After graduating from Mohonasen, she attended Siena where she received her Bachelors in Marketing and Business Management.

“I am not a board member who simply rubber stamps decisions. During my first term, I focused on listening to district stakeholders, advocating for their concerns, and working collaboratively to make meaningful improvements for Mohonasen. I have a long term, vested interest in the success of our district, and it would be an honor to build upon the progress made in my first term by continuing to serve the Mohonasen community for a second term.”

Patrick Ryan



Patrick Ryan is seeking a fourth, non-consecutive term on the Board.

Ryan, a 1980 Mohonasen graduate, has been a district resident of Mohonasen for over 40 years. He and his wife have five children, who have all come through the district.

Ryan has served in four State agencies over his career of more than 29 years. He currently serves as Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration at the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (OPRHP). In this role, he provides operational oversight to OPRHP’s finance, human resources, business innovation and grants bureaus.

“I am endeavoring to promote excellence in our schools through establishing collaborative working relationships with parents, teachers and other District stakeholders. If elected for another term, I will work with my colleagues to promote academic and vocational excellence.”